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THE Examination OF Edward Fitz-Harris, RELATING TO THE Popish-PLOT, Taken the Xth of *March*, 168$\frac{0}{1}$.

WHO saith, That he was Born in *Ireland*, and is the Son of Sir *Edward Fitz-Harris*; and that he was Bred and is a ROMAN CATHOLICK: That

in *One Thouſand ſix hundred ſixty-two*, he firſt went out of *Ireland* and then went into *France* to learn the language as an Accompliſhment, being then of the age of *fourteen Years*.

IN *One Thouſand ſix hundred ſixty-five*, He returned thence through *England* into *Ireland*, where He continued till about *One thouſand ſix hundred ſixty-eight* when he went to *Prague* in Order to ſerve the *EMPEROUR* in His War in *Hungary*, but there then finding a *Peace* concluded, He came by the way of *Flanders* into *England*.

AND then Sir *George Hamilton* being about raiſing a Regiment of *fifteen hundred* Foot in *Ireland* for the *French* King's Service, This *Examinant* obtained from Sir *George Hamilton* a Commiſſion to be Captain of one of the Companies in that Regiment to be raiſed. Whereupon He went into *Ireland*, raiſed the Company, and Conducted them into *France*, and ſoon after His Landing there, He was Reformed

formed and Diſcharged of His ſaid Command; whereupon He went to *Paris*, and having but little Money, He lived there difficultly about a year.

IN *One thouſand ſix hundred ſeventy-two*, going to take his leave of Father *Gough* an ENGLISH PRIEST at *Paris*, He ſaid to this purpoſe.

YOU are going for ENGLAND, within theſe two years you will ſee the CATHOLICK RELIGION Eſtabliſhed there as it is in *France*.

THE *Examinant* asking him how that could be, ſince the KING was a PROTESTANT; He anſwered, if the KING would not Comply, there was Order taken and things ſo laid; That he ſhould be TAKEN OFF or KILLED.

THAT the DUKE of YORK was a CATHOLICK, and in his Reign there would be no Difficulty of doing it: This *Examinant* then asking

ing him how long the DUKE had been a CATHOLICK; he anſwered, That the QUEEN MOTHER had made him ſo.

HE further ſaid that the DECLARATION of INDULGENCE was in order to that end of Introducing the CATHOLICK RELIGION in ENGLAND.

AND that to the ſame end the War was made againſt HOLLAND, for that HOLLAND was A NEST OF HERETICKS, and if they were deſtroyed, the work would be eaſily done in ENGLAND becauſe the *Engliſh* (or ENGLISH PROTESTANTS he ſaid) would then have no aſſiſtance from abroad.

AND he ſaid that MADAM came over to *Dover* about this deſign.

THE *Examinant* coming over about the end of *October*, *one thouſand ſix hundred ſeventy-two*, about *February* following, had a *Commiſſion* to be *Lieutenant* of Captain *Sydenhams* Company,

SYDENHAMS Company, in the *DUKE* of *ALBEMARLES* Regiment, which was then raised, being one of the Regiments in the ARMY, which was the Summer following Muster'd at *Black-Heath*. And he says, he knew many of the Lieutenant-Collonels, Majors, Captains, and Officers of that Army to be *ROMAN-CATHOLICKS*.

That afterwards the ACT passing to disable *ROMAN-CATHOLICKS* to bear OFFICE, He and others of them were forc'd to quit their Commands.

AND says, That the Common Intelligence and Opinion among them was, That that ARMY was raised with Design to bring in and settle the *ROMAN-CATHOLICK*-RELIGION in *ENGLAND*, for which end

the Invaſion of *HOLLAND*, and the awing of the CITY of *LONDON*, were fit means.

BUT the meaſures that were thus taken being broken, by means of the PEACE, and by the DUKE of *YORK*'S, as well as theſe and other Officers quitting all Commands, and the KING failing in the Expectations they had from him; the *ROMAN-CATHOLICKS* that were engaged in this Councel came to a Reſolution to DESTROY the KING, as Father *Parrey*, Confeſſor to *Don Franciſco de Melo*, the *PORTUGUESE-EMBASSADOR*, told this Examinant in *One thouſand ſix hundred ſeventy three.*

AND ſaid, if all other means failed, the QUEEN would procure the Doing of it.

AND

AND He ſays this Father uſed this Confidence towards him, becauſe he was well acquainted with him, and uſed to Confeſs to him.

AND this Father repeated the ſame Diſcourſe to him in Summer *One thouſand ſix hundred ſeventy Eight*, with more aſſurance; adding then, that the buſineſs was now near, and he ſhould ſoon ſee it done.

ABOUT *April, One thouſand ſix hundred ſeventy nine*, Marqueſs *Montecuculi*, ENVOY from the DUKE of *MODENA*, after having ſworn him to ſecrecy, told him, That if he would undertake THE KILLING THE KING, either in his own Perſon, or by any other, that he ſhould have TEN THOUSAND POUNDS; which he refuſing, the Marqueſs ſaid,

ſaid, If you will not, The DUTCHESS OF *MAZARINE* underſtands poyſoning, as well as her Siſter; and a little Vial, when the KING comes there, will do it.

AND this Examinant had a great acquaintance with the ſaid Marqueſs, having firſt met him ſeveral times at the DUTCHESS of *YORKS* Chappel, and afterwards, Let him a Houſe, and ſold him the Furniture therein, and has very often eaten, drank, and walk'd with him.

AND the Marqueſs at the ſame time told him, that upon KILLING THE KING the ARMY in *FLANDERS* and parts adjacent to *FRANCE*, was to come over into *ENGLAND*, to deſtroy the *PROTESTANT PARTY*, and that money was levying in *ITALY*, to recruit and ſupply Forces in the place of thoſe that ſhould ſo come over into *ENGLAND*.

AND

AND That after that time there ſhould be no more PARLIAMENTS in ENGLAND; and that the DUKE of YORK was privy to all theſe Deſigns.

That about *April, One thouſand ſix hundred and eighty*, he met *Kelley* the *Prieſt* at *Calais*, who there in diſcourſe with him owned, that he was one of the perſons concerned in the Murder of Sir EDMUNDBURY-GODFREY, and that the ſame was done much in the manner as PRANCE had related it.

This Examinant hath known

Kelley about twelve years, in part of which time he has had intimate Converſation with him, and hath ſometimes confeſſed to him,

That he hath been acquainted ſix or ſeven years with *Monſieur* DE PUY, a Servant to the *Duke of York*; and that ſoon after the Murder of Sir *Edmund Bury-Godfrey*, this DE PUY told this Examinant, that that Murder was conſulted at *Windſor*.

And about the ſame time ſaid, that the DUKE was very deſirous to come to the CROWN, for that the KING was uncertain, and did not keep touch with them. And that DE PUY ſaid,

ſaid, there was a neceſsity of taking OFF the *KING*, and that it would be ſoon done.

That the *DUKE of YORK* having an Eſtate in *Ireland*, a part of which was this *Examinants* Fathers, and his *Examinant*, being acquainted with Father *Bedingfield*, asked him, how he could give Abſolution to the *DUKE*, till he had made Reſtitution. The Father ſaid, that every Penitent was ſuppoſed to know his own ſins, and to make them known to his Confeſſor. To which this Examinant replying with ſome warmth; *But ſince you know it, you ought to take notice thereof.* The Father anſwered,

ed, *Be not angry, for ere it be long you may be in a better condition.*

MARCH One thouſand ſix hundred ſeventy nine eighty, he went to *Paris* to compound a Debt he owed there; ſtaying there about eight days, where meeting Father *Patrick* (who well knew this Examinant's Father and Friends, and this Examinant) talking of a Rupture that might be between *England* and *France*, he ſaid the *French* intended in ſuch caſe to ſend *Mareſhal* BELFONDS into *Ireland* with an *Army* of Ten thouſand Foot and Two thouſand Horſe, with *Arms and Ammunition* for 30000 Men more to be raiſed in *Ireland*,

IRELAND, and the Father promiſed this Examinant a Regiment of the Men ſo to be Raiſed, and Armed in *IRELAND*, and the Deſign was to reſtore that Kingdom to its former Owners, ſubject to the *FRENCH*.

HE alſo deſired him to ſend him all the LIBELS that came out in *LONDON*; and ſaid, That LIBELLING the KING and the GOVERNMENT, was a thing neceſſary to be done, in order to Diſtaſte the KING, and make him Afraid and Jealous of his People.

THAT he knew Mr. *Everard* at *PARIS*, in One thouſand ſix hundred ſixty five, and hath ſince continued and encreaſed his Acquaintance with him; that the Opinion of Father *Patrick*, was an Encouragement to him to

to Correſpond and Concur with Mr. *Everard*, as to the LIBEL lately written by Mr. *Everard*.

Capt. 10 *Martii*, 168°. *coram* ROB. CLAYTON, GEO. TREBY.

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